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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Christopher J. Brown

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 4/25/2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As per claim 1, the applicant appears to use the same public key to encrypt both the media key and the private-key identification in a media certificate. Later the same public key is used to encrypt "older private keys". It is unclear if the same public key was intended to be used for so many purposes. Claim 1, states that the "private-key identification" is decrypted to view the identification. If the same public key was used for every encryption, the private-key identification would indicate the *same exact private key* used that was just immediately used to decrypt the private-key identification. The examiner interprets claim 1 in that the applicant is able to automatically decrypt the media certificate, but needs an identification to use the same exact private key to decrypt the media key.

Claims 2-4 are rejected due to their dependence on rejected claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 5, 9, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sims III US 6,550,011 in view of Ansell US 6,367,019.

As per claims 1, 5, 9 and 10 Sims III teaches a media distribution system in which the media data is encrypted with a symmetric key, (Col 10 lines 15-20, 53-60). Sims III teaches distributing the symmetric media key by encrypting it with a public key (Col 10 lines 45-55). Sims III teaches decrypting said media key with a private key, and using said media key to exchange data, (Col 10 lines 55-65).

Sims III fails to teach sending private key identification.

Ansell teaches a header associated with media data that includes key identification, (Col 5 line 65 to Col 6 line 8).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the header of Ansell with the media distribution system of Sims III because it would indicate which key for the recipient to use, and enhance security with the associated MAC.

Claims 2-4, and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sims III US 6,550,011 in view of Ansell US 6,367,019 in view of Zubeldia US 6,044,462

As per claims 2, and 6, the previous Sims III-Ansell combination does teach storing keys, (Col 13 lines 8-20). SimsIII-Ansell does not teach a key list with revoked keys.

Zubeldia teaches a stored list of keys that have previously been revoked, (Col 4 lines 8-18).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the list of keys of Zubeldia with the data distribution system of SimsIII-Anell because it would allow the user to know the security status of the key being used and if it is trustworthy.

As per claims 3, and 7, Sims teaches storing private keys, (Col 13 lines 8-20).

As per claims 4, and 8 Sims teaches stored private keys are in a secure memory, (Col 11 lines 18-25).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Gruse US 6,398,245.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher J. Brown whose telephone number is (571)272-3833. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Morse can be reached on (571)272-3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Christopher J. Brown

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Primary Examiner

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